

REMARKS

Claims 2-3 and 5-12 are pending. Claim 2-3 and 5-8 have been amended. Claims 1 and 4 have been canceled. Claims 9-12 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the present application are respectfully requested.

In the July 27, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner objected to claims 2, 3, and 5-7 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (*July 27 Office Action, page 3*) The Applicant has rewritten claims 2, 3, and 5-7 in accordance with the Examiner comments and further slightly amended the claims to improve form. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, and 5-7 are in condition for allowance.

Independent claim 8, as amended recites limitations similar to rewritten independent claim 2. Independent claim 9 recites limitations similar to rewritten independent claim 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 8 and 9 are in condition for allowance.

Claims 10-12 depend from claims 2 and 5. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-12 are in condition for allowance.

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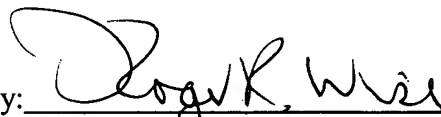
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the Examiner believe that such a telephone conference call would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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